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1. THERE WILL BE A FEMALE CO-LEAD, AS STATED STATE 144112. IF FEMALE LEAD HAS TO BE DRAWN FROM OUTSIDE COMPANY, THIS MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR INCREASE IN TOTAL NUMBER BY ONE, AS REPORTED REFTEL. FEMALE CO-LEAD BEING CONSIDERED WAS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 STATE 144112. THERE IS NOT AND HAS NOT BEEN ANY INTENTION OF PRESENTING SHOW WITHOUT FEMALE LEAD OR FEMALE CO-HOST.

2. RE ADVANCE TRIP BY TECHNICIANS HALL AND SCHULTE: OPRYLAND NOW CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO POSTPONE ADVANCE TRIP BY ONE WEEK BECAUSE OF FOLLOWING:

A. PRODUCING DIRECTOR OF COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW, RICHARD KUGEMAN, WISHES ACCOMPANY HALL AND SCHULTE. KUGEMAN WOULD TRAVEL AT OWN EXPENSE, INCLUDING ANY TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS, FOOD IN USSR. IF IT IS NOW TOO LATE FOR HIM TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO VISIT ALL CITIES OUTSIDE

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MOSCOW WITH AHLL AND SCHULTE, HE WILL ACCEPT THIS. MAIN PURPOSE OF KUGEMAN VISIT IS TO CONFER WITH EMB AND GOLOVIN. KUGEMAN IS TOTALLY FAMILIAR WITH ALL ASPECTS

OF COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW AND SEEKS CLEAR UP MISINFORMATION APPARENTLY CONVEYED TO EMB AND GOLOVIN BY IRVING WAUGH, WHO NOT RPT NOT FAMILIAR WITH PLANNED SHOW. DEPT CONCURS AND ADDS THAT KUGEMAN'S INITIATIVE IS FURTHER EXAMPLE OF DESIRE ON PART OPRYLAND AND DEPT PRESENT BEST POSSIBLE COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW IN CONSULTATION WITH EMB. THEREFORE, IF YOU AND GOSK CONCUR KUGEMAN ACCOMPANY, AT OWN EXPENSE, DEPT PREPARED SEEK COOPERATION SOV EMB HERE FOR OBTAINING VISA FOR KUGEMAN AND REISSUING VISAS TO HALL AND SCHULTE.

3. THEY WOULD THEN DEPART NEW YORK VIA PAN AM 92 ON JULY 16 AT 1830, ARRIVING VIENNA AT 0920 HOURS JULY 17. THEY WOULD LEAVE VIENNA AT 1130 HOURS JULY 17 VIA OS 601, ARRIVING MOSCOW 1600 HOURS ON JULY 17.

4. AS PLANNED FOR ORIGINAL HALL-SCHULTE ADVANCE TRIP, TRIO WOULD SPEND TEN DAYS IN USSR. KUGEMAN MUST BE BACK IN NASHVILLE FOR RUN-THROUGH REHEARSAL AND TAPING JULY 29.

5. ADVISE IMMEDIATE. SISCO

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